



NEWS RELEASE

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Murder Suspect Caught by Border Patrol

TUCSON, Ariz.—A Mexican national is in Border Patrol custody, and awaits extradition to Merced County, Calif., to face murder charges.

The 32-year-old man from Buena Vista, Michoacan, was picked up at approximately 9:45 a.m. today by agents from the Naco Border Patrol Station, near Red Mountain Road in Cochise County. A total of nine illegal aliens from Mexico were taken to the Naco station for processing, where the outstanding murder warrant against the man was discovered.

The suspect was identified using the IDENT/ENFORCE biometric identification system. “This extradition underscores the importance of advanced biometric technology and it’s role in aiding all law enforcement in identifying and detaining criminal aliens who would otherwise be processed and removed from the country” said Tucson Sector Deputy Chief Ed Pyeatt. “Our goal is to ensure that any person apprehended is identified before being removed from the United States.”

The others in the group have been processed for voluntary return to Mexico.

The suspect will be turned over to the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office, where he will await extradition in connection with the murder charge, and possibly additional charges pending in the case.

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